

Registration for the fourth annual Hormel Foundation Gifted and Talented Education Symposium is now open.

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The fourth annual Hormel Foundation Gifted and Talented Education Symposium provides an opportunity for educators, counselors, administrators and parents to gain greater understanding of the unique needs of gifted and high potential learners. A generous grant from the Hormel Foundation and collaboration between the Minnesota Department of Education and Austin Public Schools makes possible this intensive educational experience. All are welcome to register and attend the symposium. Invited speakers include many of the field's finest regionally, nationally and internationally known presenters, focusing on foundational knowledge, creativity, curriculum strategies, and social/emotional needs.

The General Sessions registration fee is \$175 and includes: daily keynote presentations and sessions, all conference materials, a tote bag, continental breakfast each day, lunch Monday through Wednesday, break refreshments, Monday evening reception at the SPAM Museum and a banquet at the Hormel Historic Home on Wednesday evening.

A One Day Session for Administrators, School Board Members, and Counselors will be held on Monday, June 11, from 8:30 to 2:30 p.m. with an optional session from 2:45 to 4:15 p.m. Three scheduled sessions and one optional session will be featured: The Future of Intelligence on the Network by Eric Calvert, Muskingum University and Ashland University in Ohio; Grading and Assessment for Highly-Able Students by Mary Slade, James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia; Total School Cluster Grouping: Plans and Perspectives for Administrators by Marcia Gentry, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana and STEM Camp: The Lab (optional) by Doug Paulson, Minnesota Department of Education in Roseville and Cathy Kindem, K-5 Science Specialist at Cedar Park STEM Elementary School in Apple Valley, Minnesota. Registration cost is \$55 and pre-registration is required.

Two Pre-Conference Sessions are offered on Sunday, June 10, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Conference Center. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$40.00 and pre-registration is required.

1) Creative Parenting of Gifted Kids: Finding Resources & Advocating for your Unique Gifted Child

Presenter: Tina Armstrong, President, Minnesota Council for the Gifted and Talented

2) Introduction to Gifted Education

Presenter: Karen B. Rogers, Professor of Gifted Studies in the Special Education and Gifted Education department of the College of Applied Professional Studies at St. Thomas University

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